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geographic flight parameters and a plurality of non-geographic flight parameters, at least one of  
6 the plurality of geographic flight parameters being unspecified.

1 34. (Amended) A method for providing pre-paid airline tickets comprising:  
2 storing a plurality of ticket options in a ticket option database, each ticket option  
3 comprising a ticket price and a plurality of flight parameters, at least one of the plurality of flight  
4 parameters being a geographic flight parameter;  
5 presenting the ticket options to a customer;  
*B2* 6 receiving a ticket selection from the customer;  
7 receiving a payment from the customer, the payment being equal to the ticket  
8 price;  
9 associating a unique identifier with the selected ticket option;  
10 storing the unique identifier and the associated ticket option; and  
11 providing a pre-paid airline ticket to the customer, the pre-paid airline ticket  
12 comprising a record of the unique identifier operable to be utilized by the customer to book a  
13 flight and a record of one or more of the plurality of flight parameters, at least one of the at least  
14 one geographic flight parameter being unspecified.

1 44. (Amended) A computer program embodied on a computer-readable medium for  
*B3* 2 providing pre-paid airline tickets using a pre-paid ticket identifier database, the database  
3 comprising a plurality of records, each record including a plurality of fields, the plurality of  
4 fields comprising:

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5 an identifier field, the identifier field including an identifier that uniquely  
6 identifies a pre-paid airline ticket and operable to be utilized by a customer to book a flight; and  
7 a plurality of geographic flight parameter fields and a plurality of non-geographic  
8 flight parameter fields, at least one of the plurality of geographic flight parameter fields  
9 including an geographic flight parameter being unspecified.

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Please add the following new claims:

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1 --50. (New) The pre-paid airline ticket of claim 1, further comprising an expiration  
2 date for the pre-paid airline ticket to expire.

1 51. (New) The pre-paid airline ticket of claim 50, wherein the expiration date  
2 specifies the date that the customer is to utilize the identifier in booking a flight.

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1 52. (New) The method of claim 34, further comprising applying an expiration date to  
2 each ticket option.

1 53. (New) The method of claim 52, further comprising receiving the identifier in  
2 conjunction with a process of booking a flight.

1 54. (New) The method of claim 53, further comprising, in response to receiving the  
2 identifier, determining that the expiration date associated with the pre-paid airline ticket being  
3 utilized to book the flight is on or before a current date.